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One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith, except for the following: U.S. patents and/or U.S. patent publications; and co-pending non-provisional U.S. applications filed after June 30, 2003.

- •JP 2003-195085 A July 9, 2003, Fitel USA Corp.
- •Shin-Etsu Quartz Products Co., Ltd., "Quartz Glass Technical Guide 1 Chemical and Physical Properties of Quartz Glass", p. 7, Tokyo, Japan, October 1, 2005. (available at: http://www.sqp.co.jp/seihin/catalog/pdf/g1.pdf)

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•The Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, Inc. (IEEE), "802.3ae: IEEE Standard for Information Technology – Telecommunications and information exchange between systems – Local and metropolitan area networks – Specific requirements, Part 3", pages 401-443, New York, NY August 30, 2002.

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- •International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC), "IEC/PAS 60793-1-49 Edition 1.0, Pre-Standard Optical fibres Part 1-49: Measurement methods and test procedures Differential mode delay", Geneva Switzerland, May 2005.
- •International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC), "IEC 60793-2-10 Ed. 2.0: Optical Fibres Part 2-10: Product specifications Sectional specification for category A1 multimode fibres", Geneva, Switzerland July 23, 2004.

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed (without a Statement Under 37 C.F.R § 1.97(e)) after the later of three months from the application's filing date and the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits, but before a Final Office Action, Notice of Allowance, or an action that otherwise closes prosecution in the application (whichever is earlier), and therefore the fee of \$180.00 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) is being remitted.

Applicant also submits herewith: an English abstract and computer English translation of the relevant pages of Shin-Etsu "Quartz Glass-1" and Shin-Etsu "Quartz Glass-2".

The submission of the listed documents is not intended as an admission that any such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application. Applicant does not waive any right to take any action that would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove any listed document as a competent reference against the claims of the present application.

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